

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) A method of applying a cosmetic composition to a surface of a human comprising:

depositing said cosmetic composition on one or more bristles of an applicator, said one or more bristles having a biodegradable, naturally based polymeric material, said polymeric material being derived substantially by the processing of a renewable plant source, said polymeric material being selected from the group consisting of polylactide, polycaprolactone, polyhydroxybutyrate/valerate, polyglycolic acid, polymer based on starch or starch derivatives, and any combinations thereof; and

transferring said cosmetic composition from said one or more bristles to the surface.

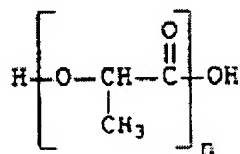
23. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the surface is one or more eyelashes.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said one or more bristles are a plurality of said bristles.

25. (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said polymeric material is polylactide.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said polylactide has the following general structure:



wherein n represents a number average molecular weight about 10,000 to about 300,000.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the number average molecular weight is about 50,000 to about 250,000.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of: eyeliner, eyeshadow, lipstick, lip gloss, mascara, nail polish, powder, and rouge.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said cosmetic composition is a hair dye or toothpaste.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the applicator has a bristle portion for said one or more bristles, and a handle connected to said bristle portion, wherein said one or more bristles are a plurality of said bristles, wherein said bristle portion has a longitudinal axis about which said plurality of bristles are helically turned, and wherein about 10 to about 65 of said plurality of bristles are disposed about one helical turn.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, at least one of said plurality of bristles has a cross sectional dimension about 0.01 mm to about 0.40 mm.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said handle is made of said polymeric material.

34. (previously presented) A method of applying a material to a surface of a human comprising the steps of:

depositing the material on an applicator brush having one or more bristles, said one or more bristles consisting essentially of a biodegradable, naturally based polymeric material, said polymeric material being derived substantially by the processing of a renewable plant source, said polymeric material being selected from the group consisting of: polylactide, polycaprolactone, polyhydroxybutyrate/valerate, polyglycolic acid, polymer based on starch or starch derivatives, and any combinations thereof; and

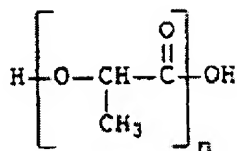
applying the material with the applicator brush onto the surface.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the surface is one or more eyelashes.

36. (cancelled)

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said polymeric material is polylactide.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said polylactide has the following general structure:



where n represents a number average molecular weight about 10,000 to about 300,000.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the number average molecular weight is about 50,000 to about 250,000.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of eyeliner, eyeshadow, lipstick, lip gloss, mascara, nail polish, powder, and rouge.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the material is a hair dye or toothpaste.

42. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the applicator brush further comprises a bristle portion and a handle connected to said bristle portion, wherein said one or more bristles are a plurality of bristles, wherein said bristle portion has a longitudinal axis about which said plurality of bristles are helically turned, and wherein about 10 to about 65 of said plurality of bristles are disposed about one helical turn.

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 42, at least one of said plurality of bristles has a cross sectional

dimension about 0.01 mm to about 0.40 mm.

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 42, wherein said handle is made of said polymeric material.

45-46. Cancelled

47. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said renewable plant source is selected from the group consisting of corn, wheat, sugar beet, and any combinations thereof.

48. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said cosmetic composition is selected from the group consisting of: eyeliner, eyeshadow, lipstick, lip gloss, mascara, nail polish, powder, and rouge.

49. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the material is a medicament.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said renewable plant source is selected from the group consisting of corn, wheat, sugar beet, and any combinations thereof.

51. (currently amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of: eyeliner, eyeshadow, lipstick, lip gloss, mascara, nail polish, powder, and rouge.